

Herbert Klein Defends U. S. Surveillance of Citizens

Atlantic City, N. J. — Herbert Klein, White House communications director, yesterday defended the administration's use of computers and said the controls exercised by

the government would protect against the invasion of privacy and unlimited personal information banks.

Klein addressed a panel during opening day sessions

of the Spring Joint Computer Conference sponsored by the American Federation of Information Processing Societies.

About 7,000 computer technicians, operators and com-

pany people are attending the three-day convention at which 200 companies are displaying several million dollars worth of computer equipment and associated material.

Klein said the administration believed the controls exercised by the government in the form of presidential policy, departmental rules and congressional investigations were sufficient to protect the public interest against invasion of privacy.

He admitted that he personally felt recent Army surveillance "went too far." He said it had started years ago and was halted by the administration when it was brought to its attention.

Klein said the administration did not intend to become involved in this type of surveillance. He said the President was determined the country would not get into the situation of a Big Brother society.

Klein said that in matters of national security it would

always come down to human judgment as to what should be classified secret and what should be available to the public.

In addition to sessions on the latest developments in computer technology and computer application there will also be several sessions devoted to electronic music. One will be a demonstration by an individual who can make music with brain waves translated by a sound synthesizer.